

Cyber-Ethics Scenarios: Student Worksheet

Directions: Because technology allows us to be invisible in some respects, the ramifications of unethical behavior may not be obvious at first glance. Complete the following grid using the prompts provided to help you explore and then discuss these ethical concerns.

Ethical Issue	Cyber Situation	"Real World" Counterpart	Possible Consequences For Victims	Possible Unintended Consequences
<i>What is the ethical concern?</i>	<i>What is happening?</i>	<i>What situations outside of the cyber-world are similar?</i>	<i>What can you predict might happen to the victim?</i>	<i>What other events could result for people other than the victim?</i>
Piracy			Loss of income Lack of capital to develop next project	
Plagiarism		Cheating Lying False claims		
Cyber-bullying				Legal action Retaliation

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Violations of AUP		Lying Cyber-slacking Cutting in line in a restaurant Not following protocol at a 4-way stop	Bandwidth is reduced Access is denied to group because of misuse Policies are changed	
Cyber-libel	Posting false statements about an ex-girlfriend on a networking site		Emotional distress to victim	
Invasion of Privacy		Identity theft Breaking and entering Vehicle prowling		
Cyber-stalking	Series of anonymous harassing "prank" phone calls to an acquaintance		Fear Stress	
Misrepresentation	High school freshman pretending to be a college freshman in a chat room			